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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *27 March 2006*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-12* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-12* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *15 January 2004* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see REMARKS, filed 3/27/2006, with respect to claims 1-12 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The finality of the previous rejection has been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-7, 9, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kenworthy (previously cited in Office Action 8/23/2005) in view of Langberg et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6, 421, 377).

Regarding claim 1, Kenworthy discloses a transceiver comprising:

a receiver (Fig. 1) for receiving a signal and generating a receiver signal (Fig. 1, block 25 (receiver), column 3, lines 39-46) having a receiver bandwidth;

a receiver direct converter (Fig. 1, block 25 and Fig. 3, block 45, column 3, lines 43-52) translating the receiver signal to a baseband (downconverter) of the receiver signal and digitizing the translated, receiver signal;

an adaptive canceller (Fig. 1, block 27, and Fig. 3 column 3, line 53-column 4, line 7) comprising a reference direct converter, the reference direct converter (Fig. 3, blocks 41 and 43, column 3, line 53-column 4, line 7) outputting a digitized transmit signal reference of a spectral energy of a transmitter; and

a matched filter (Fig. 2, column 3, lines 17-34, wherein the analog canceller (filter) taps are matched to the interference in the signal) wherein the receiver direct converter, the reference direct converter, and the matched filter suppress the spectral energy of the transmitter from the receiver signal (column 3, line 17-column 4, line 8).

Kenworthy does not disclose the digitized reference transmit signal having the receiver bandwidth.

However, Langberg et al. also discloses a method/device for canceling transmitter leakage/energy (echo) in a receiver bandwidth (Fig. 3, column 5, lines 59-column 6, line 18). The task is accomplished by creating a transmit reference signal (output of adaptive echo canceler) which has the same bandwidth as the received signal from which the echo (transmitter leakage) is to be cancelled (column 6, lines 25-41 and column 7, lines 9-18, wherein the bandwidth of both signals is 276 kilohertz as disclosed in column 7, lines 9-18). The reference transmit signal of the same bandwidth is created by using a filter identical to a filter in the receiver (Fig. 4, blocks 110 and 120, column 6, lines 1-13).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Kenworthy with the teachings of Langberg et al. and create a digitized transmit reference signal with the same bandwidth as the receiver (received signal) to cancel transmitter leakage (echo) in the receiver bandwidth since Langberg et al. states this signal is used to generate a received signal free of echo which could interfere with intended reception of the received signal (column 1, lines 21-30 and column 3, lines 1-19).

Regarding claim 2, Kenworthy discloses the transceiver of claim 1, wherein the transceiver is a full duplex transceiver (column 2, lines 32-34).

Regarding claim 3, Kenworthy discloses the transceiver of claim 1, further comprising a transmit and receive antenna radiator (Fig. 4, element 17).

Regarding claim 4, Kenworthy discloses the transceiver of claim 1, further comprising a transmit antenna radiator and a receive antenna radiator (Fig. 1, elements 17 and 21).

Regarding claim 5, Kenworthy discloses all the limitations of claim 5 (see rejection of claim 1), except the receiver direct converter, the reference direct converter, and the matched filter have approximately 90 dB attenuation. However, Kenworthy does disclose an example in which the receiver direct converter, the reference direct converter, and the matched filter have approximately 40 dB attenuation (column 4, lines 21-34) to cancel an undesired signal. Kenworthy also discloses that the object of the system is to attenuate the interference to a level which is low enough that the signal of interest can be adequately demodulated (column 4, lines 8-15). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that the canceller could have been designed to have a 90 dB attenuation in

order to optimize the canceller and allow the canceller to attenuate an undesired signal which requires 90 dB attenuation to allow adequate demodulation of the signal of interest.

Regarding claims 6 and 7, Kenworthy discloses all the limitations of claims 6 and 7 (see rejection of claim 1), except Kenworthy does not disclose the receiver direct converter and the reference direct converter have a sampling rate approximately equal to that of the carrier frequency of interest. However, Kenworthy discloses the signal is sampled by the receiver direct converter and the reference direct converter using A/D converters (Fig. 3, blocks 41 and 45).. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to choose a sampling rate equal to a carrier frequency of interest in order to obtain an accurate reconstruction of the signal of interest for further processing.

Regarding claim 9, Kenworthy discloses the transceiver of claim 1, wherein the transceiver is adapted to cancel interference from other co-sited transmit antennas (column 2, lines 55-59).

Regarding claim 12, Kenworthy discloses a transceiver (Fig. 6) comprising:

duplexer (Fig. 6, block 171, column 4, lines 57-65) coupled to an antenna ;

a receiver (Fig. 6, block 20) having a receiver bandwidth, wherein the receiver receives a first signal from the duplexer, the first signal having the receiver bandwidth;

a transmitter (Fig. 6, block 10) sending a second signal to the duplexer, the second signal having the receiver bandwidth (column 5, lines 9-37, wherein the first signal transmitted by a first transceiver has the same frequency (bandwidth) the second signal received at the first transceiver from the second transceiver, wherein the transmitter and receiver transmit/receive signals at a predetermined frequency (bandwidth); and

an adaptive, digital, coherent spectral canceller coupled to the receiver and the transmitter, the canceller attenuating a signal spectrum leakage of the second signal within the receiver (Fig. 6, block 27, column 3, line 53-column 4, line 8).

Kenworthy does not specifically disclose the canceller attenuating a signal spectrum leakage of the second signal within the receiver bandwidth.

However, Langberg et al. also discloses a method/device for canceling transmitter leakage/energy (echo) in a receiver (Fig. 3, column 5, lines 59-column 6, line 18). The task is accomplished by creating a transmit reference signal (output of adaptive echo canceler) which has the same bandwidth as the received signal from which the echo (transmitter leakage) is to be cancelled (column 6, lines 25-41 and column 7, lines 9-18, wherein the bandwidth of both signals is 276 kilohertz as disclosed in column 7, lines 9-18). The reference transmit signal of the same bandwidth is created by using a filter identical to a filter in the receiver (Fig. 4, blocks 110 and 120, column 6, lines 1-13).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Kenworthy with the teachings of Langberg et al. and create a digitized transmit reference signal with the same bandwidth as the receiver (received signal) to attenuate a signal spectrum leakage of the second signal within the receiver bandwidth since Langberg et al. states this signal is used to generate a received signal free of echo which could interfere with intended reception of the received signal (column 1, lines 21-30 and column 3, lines 1-19).

4. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kenworthy (previously cited in Office Action 8/23/2005) in view of Langberg et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6, 421,

377) as applied to claims 1-7, 9, and 12 above and in further view of Yedid et al. (previously cited in Office Action 8/23/2005).

Kenworthy and Langberg et al. disclose all the limitations of claim 8 (see rejection of claim 1) including an adaptive digital filter adapted to align the digitized transmit signal reference in a reference path with a transmit signal in a leakage receiver path, the adaptive filter outputting an compensated digitized transmit signal reference (see, Kenworthy, Fig. 3, block 43, column 3, line 53-column 4, line 7). Kenworthy and Langberg et al. do not disclose the filter is an adaptive digital transversal filter adapted to align an amplitude and a phase of the digitized transmit signal reference in a reference path with a transmit signal in a leakage receiver path, the adaptive digital transversal filter outputting an compensated digitized transmit signal reference.

Yedid et al. discloses an adaptive canceller including an adaptive digital transversal filter adapted to align an amplitude and a phase (symbol values) of the digitized transmit signal reference (echo estimate signal) in a reference path with a transmit signal (received echo signal) in a leakage receiver path, the adaptive digital transversal filter outputting a compensated digitized transmit signal reference (Fig. 4, column 6, line 15-column 8, line 37). Therefere, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the filter of Kenworthy and Langberg et al. with transversal filter of Yedid et al. since Yedid et al. states the transversal filter is capable of effectively tracking and compensating for non-linearities in system components that manifest themselves as added noise introduced into the received signal propagation path.

5. Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dankberg et al. (previously cited in Office Action 1/26/2006) in view of Kenworthy (previously

cited in Office Action 8/23/2005) and in further view of Langberg et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6, 421, 377).

Regarding claim 10, Dankberg et al. discloses a method of attenuating a transmitter signal spectrum within a bandwidth of a receiver, the method comprising:

digitizing (Fig. 5, block 110) a received signal from a receiver, the received signal having a receiver bandwidth, the received signal corrupted by components of a transmit signal, wherein the receiver is implemented in a digital domain (column 3, lines 51-52);

creating (column 3, lines 59-66) a digitized reference transmit signal (source information signal) of the transmit signal,

aligning (column 4, lines 31-53) the digitized reference transmit signal in amplitude, phase, and time delay with the digitized received signal; and

subtracting (column 4, lines 18-27) the digitized reference transmit signal from the digitized received signal to form a residue (column 2, lines 46-54, additive noise/error signal).

Dankberg et al. does not disclose the digitized reference transmit signal having a receiver bandwidth or suppressing a transmitter spectral signal power of the residue within the bandwidth of the receiver.

Kenworthy discloses suppressing a transmitter spectral signal power from resulting residue (undesirable residual transmitted signal) from a prior transmitter leakage attenuation operation (Fig. 1, block 27, column 3, lines 30-58). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the method of Dankberg et al. with the teachings of Kenworthy in order to cancel the residual transmitter signal components is

since Kenworthy states reducing these signal components will create a signal which can be adequately demodulated (column 4, lines 8-15).

Langberg et al. also discloses a method/device for canceling transmitter leakage/residue (echo) in a receiver bandwidth (Fig. 3, column 5, lines 59-column 6, line 18). The task is accomplished by creating a transmit reference signal (output of adaptive echo canceler) which has the same bandwidth as the received signal from which the echo (transmitter leakage) is to be cancelled (column 6, lines 25-41 and column 7, lines 9-18, wherein the bandwidth of both signals is 276 kilohertz as disclosed in column 7, lines 9-18). The reference transmit signal of the same bandwidth is created by using a filter identical to a filter in the receiver (Fig. 4, blocks 110 and 120, column 6, lines 1-13).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Dankberg et al. and Kenworthy with the teachings of Langberg et al. and create a digitized transmit reference signal with the same bandwidth as the receiver (received signal) to cancel transmission leakage or residue in the receiver bandwidth since Langberg et al. states this signal is used to generate a received signal free of echo (residue) which could interfere with intended reception of the received signal (column 1, lines 21-30 and column 3, lines 1-19).

Regarding claim 11, which inherits the limitations of claim 10, Kenworthy et al. further discloses adjusting (Fig. 3, block 43, column 3, line 53-column 2, line 7) the transmit signal based on the residue (error) determined by subtracting the digitized reference transmit signal from the digitized received signal. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art

to include this feature in order to further minimize the residue (error) and create a signal which could be adequately demodulated (column 4, lines 1-15).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Curtis B. Odom whose telephone number is 571-272-3046. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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